

Max City council met on Monday April 06, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Adams and council members; Swanson and Weltikol were present. Fritel and Westman were absent. Visitors in attendance were Samantha Lies, Jen Peterson-Lies, Trail Haskins, Robin Hennings, Karen Berg, Susan Halvorson, Mike Mattison, Darryl Sayler, and Galen Scheresky.

Mayor Adams called meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

Council meeting minutes from March approved and accepted as read.

Trail Haskins requested to have his name added to the license for Red-Light Holdings, LLC, as he is and has been a partner since the business opened. His name is on the license with the state, as the representative of Red-Light Holdings, LLC. Swanson motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

A gaming site authorization was presented for Douglas Sportman's Club to provide Pull Tabs, E Tabs, and Bingo for Junction City Pub N Grub from April 2026 to July 2027. Weltikol motioned to approve. Swanson second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Mike Mattison presented to council a new insurance policy that is available from NDIRF for some coverage for water line and sewer main problems that are not weather related. Tabled until next meeting.

Susan Halvorson presented council with a plan for the Over 55 Club to replace all the ceiling tiles in the Senior Center building once the new roof is completed. Swanson motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Vote all aye.

Robin Hennings informed that she will be attending meetings to report developing news for McLean County Independent.

Council was informed that Catherine Turcotte turned in a letter of resignation as Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee. The auditor will put out flyers and post on media sites, to inform residents that three committee positions are needing filled.

Darryl Sayler enquired about what size of shed is acceptable for his lot dimensions. He is contemplating 16 wide, but not sure about the length. Council suggested he talk with his neighbor before final determination of size, and come back to a meeting for final approval of either a building or moving permit.

Galen Scheresky updated council on his plans for a new housing addition. He has researched some county planning and zoning plans, that they have in place. He will continue to work with his developer, and keep council informed.

The court report was presented, the city received \$370 in fines for traffic offenses for the month of March.

Craig Smith, from Maintenance, discussed the water leak at the Rodeo Grounds. He will contact NRRWD and see when they plan to dig to find where it is coming from. Smith informed that the service truck

needs a tune up. Presented were bids for the curb stop replacements. Swanson motioned to approve McElwain Construction's bid for \$4,750. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold informed council about North Prairie Rural Water Dept. enquiring about the possibility of putting an antenna on the water tower for monitoring purposes. Council would like more information on the contract and fee process. Tabled until more information can be obtained.

At the last council meeting discussion was held on the need to find out who owns the trailer on lot 4 of Whiting Addition. The city attorney has been contacted and is looking for that information. However, the city may not have to take action in the matter because a contractor contacted the auditor's office enquiring into what they would need from the city if they were to move the trailer off the lot. Tabled.

Council set a tentative date of date of May 16th for the 2026 Spring Free Landfill Day, depending on availability of roll off dumpsters from Circle Sanitation. It is council consensus that this service is for Max City Limit residents only. Swanson moved to require that people bring their water and garbage bill to utilize landfill services on free dumpster days at the landfill. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

The Max Community Library Statistical Report was presented. Swanson motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

The auditor presented information about the ND Office of Budget and Management's Cooperative Purchasing program. Tabled until next meeting.

The auditor informed council that there will be one candidate for a 4-year council member term on the 2026 election ballot. The mayor position, and the full term and half term council positions, will all be write-in for the 2026 election. As well as, the 3 full term positions for the Park Board.

Bills to pay in April and the March Financial Reports were presented. Weltikol motioned to approve. Swanson second. Votes, all aye.

Bills to pay-April 2026		
ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Black MTN Software	Utility Billing Software	4,184.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Butler	Cutting Edge, hardware,	312.02
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,274.50
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) MAR 2026	798.08
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Gullickson, Wyatt	Reimbursement Water Retainer Fee	150.00
Linda Stelter	Reimbursement for overpayment of Civic Hall Rental	40.00
Menards	INV 10648, 10751, 11963	121.67
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Max Farm Service	Fuel Costs	257.82
McLean County Assessor	Annual Fees	1,510.00
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	499.49

Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	177.31
NPRWD	Purchased Water	3,512.20
One Call	Locates	4.50
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,553.32
QuickBooks	Online Subscription - March	295.00
RTC	Phone and Internet	408.00
Straight Talk	Maintenance phone	48.25
Swanston Equipment	Oil, filters, curb brushes INV P76554, P76587	333.05
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post Card Stamps & 1 roll regular	139.00
Totals		22,625.44

2026 1st Quarter Budget reports were presented. All funds except for the garbage fund are positive. Swanson motioned to approve and accept the 1st quarter budget reports. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Delinquent city utility bills were presented. Council directed the auditor to send pink slips/place shut off notices as needed.

Open Discussion: Swanson discussed that the parking ordinance does not specify a towing policy for unlawful parking violations. Council consensus is that there needs to be an amendment to Parking Ordinance 2025-1 to include towing and associated costs. Council directed the auditor to have the amendment ready at the next meeting for the 1st reading.

Swanson motioned for meeting to adjourn. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular council meeting will be held on May 04, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Reminder: The 2026 Annual Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on April 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Samuel Adams, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor